

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9 and 11 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice.

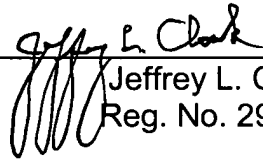
Claims 14-15 are therefore pending.

Pending claims 14-15 have been allowed. Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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